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22. (New) The method claimed in claim 13, further characterized in that the knives are advanced to cut the loops at a point where the loops always have the same length.

23. (New) The method claimed in claim 14, further characterized in that the knives are advanced to cut the loops at a point where the loops always have the same length.

al 24. (New) The method claimed in claim 15, further characterized in that the knives are advanced to cut the loops at a point where the loops always have the same length.

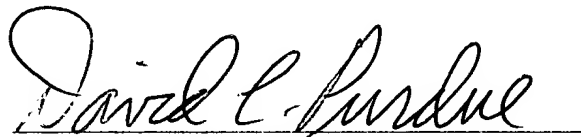
25. (New) The method claimed in claim 16, further characterized in that the knives are advanced to cut the loops at a point where the loops always have the same length.

REMARKS

It is noted that claims 4 through 7 were improper multiple dependent claims. Accordingly, these claims are canceled and new claims 8 through 25 are presented for consideration.

Favorable action is solicited.

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